

State Departments  
MHSA Progress Report\*  
Fiscal Year 10-11  
Reporting Period: July 1 – December 31

Department California Department of Veteran Affairs

Please list all the goals/objectives/activities/deliverables for this reporting period as listed in the MOU work plan and provide an update.

Goal 1: Operation Welcome Home Collaborative creation					
<b>Objectives 1a</b> Continue to reach out to the 30,000 discharging veterans and screen them for mental health and Substance Use Disorders (SUD) issues and make referrals based on the interview responses.					
	Due Date	Status on achieving objective, activities and deliverables (insert links)	Identify outstanding policy and program issues	Identify activities being coordinated with the local mental health system and other partners	Upcoming events/opportunities/resources anticipated during the next six months
<b>Major activities/deliverables:</b> 1. Continue to interview new veterans  <b>OWH Report attached to this submission</b>	Ongoing	Currently have collected over 40,000 reintegration forms and have interviewed almost 28,000 veterans	Budget concerns could stop this program in July 2011	DMH regularly participates in the OWH meetings and our boots on the ground Cal Vet Corps members regularly refer veterans for mental health issues. So far close to 7,000 veterans have been referred for mental health and SUD conditions.	Continuation of OWH activities until July 2011 when budgetary constraints will be considered.

Goal 1: Operation Welcome Home (AmeriCorps workers)					
<b>Objectives 1b</b> Hire and train 80 AmeriCorps workers to reach out to our veteran population to determine if they need mental health referrals					

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<b>Major activities/deliverables:</b> 1. Hire 80 AmeriCorps Workers	March 1, 2011	Vet Services has hired 72 AmeriCorps workers so far	Vet Services needs to hire 8 more AmeriCorps workers	AmeriCorps workers refer veterans with mental health conditions	Hire and train 8 more AmeriCorps workers by March 1, 2011

**Goal 2: Publish updated 2011 Resource Book for Veterans**

**Objectives 2a**

*Included new sections for SUD and Mental Health. This year CDVA published 150,000 books for distribution using some of the Prop 63 funding.*

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<b>Major activities/deliverables:</b> 1. Print 150,000 copies of new resource book	January 1, 2011	Completed	None	CDVA provides copies of the resource book for DMH personnel that deal with veterans and their families	Continued disbursement of the books for the remainder of the calendar year to all veteran organizations.

**Goal 3: Fund MOU s to six counties for enhanced mental health outreach**

**Objectives 3a**

*Distribute funding \$270,000.00 to counties for local mental health outreach*

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<b>Major activities/deliverables:</b> <b>1.</b> <i>Establish MOU's and distribute funding to CVSO's for mental health outreach</i>	<i>February 28, 2011</i>	<i>LA, Solano and SLO counties have been distributed. SD, Fresno and San Bernardino are in process</i>	<i>Late budget from the state and new procedures required by the BSA have slowed down the process</i>	<i>All local mental health agencies are members of the Operation Welcome Home process and partners with the CVSO's in mental health outreach and referral</i>	<i>OWH Collaboratives have incorporated the local mental health agencies into the local collaboratives and they meet regularly</i>
<b>2.</b> <i>Fund two positions in Veteran Services Division that work on OWH mental health outreach</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>Ongoing operation with Craig Osborn and Zeena Morales in these positions</i>	<i>No problems or issues</i>	<i>Both are heavily involved in the resource book production, OWH activities and the direction of the 9 regional collaboratives who help direct referrals for veteran mental health to the proper agency.</i>	<i>Continuation of the activities of OWH and AmeriCorps workers who are positioned throughout the state doing outreach to veterans for mental health and other issues.</i>

**Goal 4: Develop the capacity for a statewide call center to assist veterans with issues and problems, including mental health concerns.**

**Objectives 4a**

*Create A referral management branch*

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<b>Major activities/deliverables:</b> 1. Referral management branch created to follow up with veterans who were not able to get their needs met during the initial 6 month period of the OWH interview and referral process	October 2010	Referral management branch is up and running, staffed with 7 people who reach out to the veterans who still have unmet needs after the 6 month initial interview and follow up process.	No outstanding issues	RMB is working closely with the DMH partners in the area that the veteran in need of these services lives.	Budget cuts could remove some or all of the RMB personnel.
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**Goal 6: Promote the creation of veteran's courts throughout California.**

**Objectives 6a**

*Veteran treatment Court Proliferation in California*

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<b>Major activities/deliverables:</b> 1. CDVA is working with all counties and the State Bureau of Courts to help create as many Veteran Treatment Courts(VTC) as possible in California	July 2011	Currently have LA, Ventura, San Bernardino, Orange, Tulare, Santa Clara and San Diego on line. Several more in the pipeline for this year.	Legislation needed that was vetoed last year creating a political support for this initiative	DMH and the Bureau of Courts are working with CDVA to create more VTC	San Joaquin, Alameda, Monterey and Lake County are all interested in creating a VTC

**Goal 7: Partner with the Department of Motor Vehicles to outreach to veterans**

**Objectives 7a**

*MOU with DMV to have check box on Drivers License and ID Card application and renewal forms asking if the person had served in the military.*

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<b>Major activities/deliverables:</b> <b>1.</b> <i>MOU has been completed</i>	<i>July 2010</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>When information is obtained CDVA will connect with DMH on referrals for veterans with Mental Health conditions</i>	<i>July 1, 2011 the form will be changed.</i>
<b>2.</b> <i>Currently CDVA and DMV are working on the data transfer requirements and IT needs.</i>	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None yet</i>	<i>July 1, 2011 is the kickoff</i>